

GENERAL JUBILATION

There is cause for general jubilation in the announcement by the Board of Supervisors that the county tax levy is reduced 6½ mills this year. It is a significant announcement.

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COUNTY ANNOUNCES DRASIC CUT IN TAX LEVY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HANCOCK ANNOUNCES 10 1-2 MILLS REDUCTION

4 Mills State Reduction—6½ Mills County Reduction—
No Assessment Raised—The Echo Makes Investigation
That Reveals Interesting and Constructive Facts and
Healthy Figures—County's Financial Condition
All to the Good.

Within the few weeks the Sea Girt Echo has received so many inquiries from its subscribers and friends seeking information in reference to the tax situation in Hancock county, many rumors having been circulated as to purported increases or reductions in taxes, that for the benefit of all the tax payers in the county, we have undertaken to ascertain the exact situation in reference thereto, from the Board of Supervisors of the county. We have accordingly compiled the following information, which is reflected by the county records:

State Announces 4 Mill Reduction.

The assessed value of the property situated in Hancock County has not been raised—that is to say, the value placed on property within the county remains as fixed in the 1936 assessment. However, a general reduction in the amount of the tax payments has resulted from the following facts: As most of the taxpayers have already learned from articles appearing in the daily newspapers published in the state, because other sources of revenue have increased, the State has ordered a reduction in the levy for state purposes of four mills. Heretofore, out of the amount collected by the tax collector in each county, eight mills of the levy was turned over to the State for general state purposes. However, that amount has now been reduced by four mills, and consequently the amount to be collected by the Tax collector is four mills less than the levy for previous years for state purposes.

County's Direct Reductions 6½ Mills

In addition to that reduction, a further reduction in the County tax levy has been effected, amounting to six and one-half mills. This reduction is as to the amount of taxes collected by the county for its own purposes; but the total amount by which the levy has been reduced is ten and one-half mills. A comparison of the figures for the ensuing year with that of previous years is as follows:

Property outside of City of Bay St. Louis, and Town of Waveland: General levy 1936 59½ mills Special school levy 1936 10 mills

Total 69½ mills
General levy 1937 49 mills
Special school levy 1937 10 mills

Total 59 mills

Property inside Bay St. Louis, and Town of Waveland: General levy, 1936 59½ mills
(No school levy)
General levy 1937 49 mills
(No school levy)

Inquiry Reveals Facts and Figures.

Our inquiries revealed other facts which are of such general interest that we take pleasure in giving the public the result of our investigations.

Budget for this year upon which the levy is based, includes a sufficient amount to furnish materials to replace with creosote lumber and piling all the larger bridges in the county, excepting Jordan River and Bayou LaCroix on Bay-Kiln Road, and to replace smaller bridges with concrete culverts wherever it is possible to do so, and to also cover the entire cost of the upkeep of the county roads.

Reduced Levy Takes Care Bond Issue.

The levy includes a sufficient amount to pay the annual installment and interest on the recent bond issue of \$65,000 ordered by the Board, and validated at a hearing before Chancellor D. M. Russell on the 14th of October. It includes a sufficient amount to meet the requirements for retiring the annual installment of Road & Bridge bonds, now outstanding, together with the interest due thereon. In connection with these bonds, we learned also that there is now a surplus amount in the Depository of Hancock county of approximately \$20,000 in the Road and Bridge Bond Fund over and above the amount necessary to make the annual payment thereon.

Surplus Funds in Treasury.

The records also reveal the facts in reference to the county's indebtedness for seawall bonds to be that on September 1st, 1937, there was a sufficient amount already in the depository of the county to meet the payment of principal and semi-an-

FARM BUREAU MEETING

Held at Bay St. Louis With
Forty Men and Women
Present—Speaker Dis-
cusses Situation.

On Wednesday morning October 30th, at 10:00 A. M. A county-wide Farm Bureau Meeting was held at the Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, with approximately 40 farm men and women present.

Mr. Morris Crumpton with the Agricultural Extension Department was introduced by J. A. Bozeman, county agent. Mr. Crumpton discussed at length the appalling situation of the Southern Cotton Farmer due in part to the lack of organization on the part of farmers in the South, land. Mr. Crumpton brought out the point that the cotton farmers would continue to receive a low price for their product until they awoke to the need for a strong Militant Organization that would fight for their just share of the National Income. In conclusion, Mr. Crumpton brought out the proposed change in membership dues, which shall be computed on the basis of 10 cents per bale of cotton, collectable at the present time, to be paid on production of previous crop year, 1936-37, and annually thereafter on previous crop years production. Cotton producers whose dues are determined on this basis shall not be admitted on a membership fee of less than \$1.00. Those applicants who do not produce cotton to be admitted at a per amount with a \$1.00 premium.

The bonds are to be issued by the city as Funding Bonds, to defray the cost of improvements negotiated by the city during the past year. This amount will discharge various obligations, to pay for general improvements contracted for and not yet paid, to match WPA funds required principally in the school gym building and other minor improvements. These debts were contracted for during the past twelve-month period and are obligations that the city board is paying for in one lump sum, thus discharging obligations and contributing further to the good credit the city enjoys.

The bonds are in \$1,000 denominations and will bear 5½ per cent, interest, payable semi-annually.

HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES FROM THE LOCAL HOSPITAL

Prominent Kiln Merchant
Taking Rest Cure—Club
Donates Lafayette.

Mr. John Ulysses, well-known resident of the Kiln, is registered at the hospital for a two-week stay, to recuperate from a cardiac indisposition.

Mrs. Amelia Odom, found ill last week, continues to improve.

Mrs. Henry Carver and Mrs. Sylvester Moran, auto accident victims, continue to improve.

Mrs. Joe Cospolich, medical patient, continues to improve.

Mrs. Jos. J. Scafidi and baby were dismissed from the hospital Tuesday, October 20.

Mrs. Julia Carver, medical patient, was dismissed Wednesday, October 20.

Mr. Alcide Stiglets is a medical patient.

The management of the King's Daughters Hospital wishes to extend thanks and appreciation to the "Ever Welcome Club," of Bay St. Louis, for the layette given the hospital.

Births at Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Moreales of Bay St. Louis, announce the birth of a baby boy, October 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee of Logtown, announce birth of a baby girl, October 20.

The crowded condition of the hospital attests to its usefulness and the necessity of such institution in our city, but under the laws of the State, this cannot be done. In making up the annual budget, certain levies are assigned to the various funds, and each fund must be kept separate and distinct from the other. There is a Road Fund, School Fund, Bond Fund, and a General Fund, etc., and all money allocated to each of these funds can only be expended for the purposes of that particular fund.

Well Advised Business Management

From the facts brought out by our investigation and related above we feel that the people of this county are particularly fortunate at this time to be able to reap the benefit of the well-advised business management of the county affairs which has brought about the present large reduction in taxes. With our county affairs in such competent hands we can look to the future with security and confidence.

We understand from the Board of Supervisors that with the proceeds of the recent bond issue and the revenue from this tax levy all bills will be paid to date, clearing up the deficits caused by scant tax collections during the depression years. They implicated Jock Jordan, now in New Orleans, who they alleged participated in the same robberies and also the recent de Montuzin job. Jordan's arrest has been ordered.

An insurance adjuster told me recently that Bay St. Louis and Waveland had no fires lately. We trust this record will continue.

From City Police headquarters comes the report of the arrest of Robert Adams, Anthony Frigerio and Reuben Bush, all colored, arrested on suspicion and confessed to the various robberies committed around Bay St. Louis Labor Day weekend. They implicated Jock Jordan, now in New Orleans, who they alleged participated in the same robberies and also the recent de Montuzin job. Jordan's arrest has been ordered.

Further and full developments are promised, the police say.

BUSINESS MEN GROUP HEARS TALK ON FIRE CAUSE—PREVENTION

Fire Prevention Week Sup-
plies Subject for Substan-
tial and Illuminating
Talk By Geo. R. Rea.

This being the month for Fire Prevention Week, Bay St. Louis Rotary Club program committee selected an appropriate subject and competent speaker at its regular Wednesday meeting of this week at Hotel Reed.

"Fire Prevention Week is the anniversary of the Chicago fire of October 8, 1917," began Geo. R. Rea. "This fire was the cause of carelessness by a cow kicking over a lamp or lantern in a barn of hay," he said.

Here are some of the high spots of Mr. Rea's address:

Fire is always attended with heat and light; therefore, from the earliest ages our ancestors learned the benefit of fire when controlled. When not controlled, it is very destructive. We know that fire, as well as water, are destructive forces, while each on the other hand destroy one another.

Human culture may be said to have begun with fire of which the uses increased in the same ratio as culture itself.

Fire is used largely in chemistry producing heat, light and power for the comforts of man.

Fire waste causes useless loss of life, loss of employment, loss of property, loss of natural resources. 85 per cent of all fires are due to carelessness. In the United States \$300,000,000 is the amount of annual losses not including forest fires. \$500 every minute goes into smoke. 10,000 lives are lost in fire and more than one-half of these lives could be saved if the worst enemy—carelessness—was abolished. One-third of these are children under ten years of age. Eight out of every ten fires could be prevented by correcting hazardous conditions.

The following causes of fires are listed as strictly preventable: Defective chimneys and flues, fireworks, gas, hot ashes, open fires, matches, smoking, gasoline, rubbish, sparks, defective wiring.

Of these causes matches and smoking have caused the greatest destruction. Defective flues come next.

A match should be struck from you on the box and then break it in two before throwing it away.

The city authorities should have every defective flue and metal flue removed. Many people spend \$100 on a fireplace in the living room and \$5.00 on a flue in the kitchen where three fires are made every day. No man has the right to jeopardize his neighbors' property, even if he does try to protect his own.

Gasoline is three times heavier than air. One gallon of gasoline has potential power equal to 83 pounds of dynamite. Gasoline for cleaning purposes should not be kept in houses, but in outbuildings.

In recent years so many electric appliances have been invented for the use and comfort of man, that every home has from two to a dozen of them. These require proper fuses and adequate wiring, for instance.

No. 14 wire takes a 15 ampere fuse.

No. 12 wire takes a 20 ampere fuse.

One-half billion (\$500,000,000) is spent annually for maintenance and equipment of fire departments and water supplies. All of this is paid for by tax payers.

In Chicago several "No-Fire Day" campaigns have been carried on in recent years under the direction of the Chicago Association of Commerce. Although the average fires in Chicago are \$30,000 a day, by elimination of carelessness the fire losses have been reduced to less than \$100,000. These results were secured largely because of wide publicity given to the campaign.

In 1932 the State of Mississippi had the worst fire record in the United States. This record was due to several causes, including incendiarism. For every dollar received for insurance premiums, the Insurance companies paid out \$1.50 for losses. Many companies quit doing business in the State until the Rating Bureau increased rates 33 1/3 per cent. Fortunately the fire records are much better since 1932 and it is to be hoped that rates will soon be reduced.

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Hope is expressed the culprits will be apprehended at no too distant a day and be placed where they belong.

ALL SAINTS TO FALL ON MONDAY

Custom Is Wide-Spread In
Local Section of Tri-State
Day of Tribute.

All Saints' Day, dedicated to the memory of the departed, occurring November 1, will fall on Monday this year.

In Louisiana the day is a legal holiday. The custom of decorating and otherwise caring for the resting place of the departed loved ones obtains largely in New Orleans and thru the Louisiana French-Speaking sections. That territory extends far and beyond the land of the Acadians.

In Mississippi it extends principally along the Gulf Coast sections, to a shallow depth in the interior and on to Mobile, the latter place equally observed with the same spirit and manifestations as in New Orleans.

The Gulf Coast section will include the principal towns and cities and of these none the less are Waveland and Bay St. Louis. Throngs will visit the cemeteries, paying one's respect to the dead, tribute to the memory of the loved ones gone before.

Flowers in profusion, in all their bountiful and beauteous bloom will find lodgment on the graves and places of entombment, tenderly placed with the silent prayer and with all the reverential awe born of piety and love.

St. Mary's cemetery, privately owned by the Church of Our Lady of the Gulf Parish, frequently referred to by older residents as the new cemetery, although 75 years old, is the consecrated burying grounds of Catholics. Parts of the cemetery show care and attention and thousands will flock to this campion santo on All Saints to visit in tribute. The custom of setting one day of each year aside for this purpose is an old one and is traditionally carried on year after year, how long existing no one accurately knows. A European custom it probably dates back to the centuries.

Cedar est cemetery is owned by the corporation of the City of Bay St. Louis and provides a burial place for residents of the city and is free from cost. The city recently built a substantial and attractive concrete wall along the front and just now the finishing touches of smoothing the surface are in process of completion.

Religious ceremony by the church of Catholic faith are held at both cemeteries during afternoon hours of November 1st. At St. Mary's because many of the deceased are buried at Cedar est because many of the deceased, and possibly the majority, belonged to the Catholic faith.

The custom of observing All Saints' does not diminish in the least. On the contrary, each year brings larger throngs to visit the graves carry more flowers and the spirit of attention seems to abound in greater measure.

**NATIONAL R. R.
PASSENGER AGENTS
VISIT BAY ST. LOUIS**

Spent an Hour Here With
Hotel Reed as Headquar-
ters—Cocktail Party.

From their annual convention held in New Orleans October 18-21 nineteen ladies and gentlemen total number arrived in Bay St. Louis Wednesday morning on train No. 4, and were met by buses of the Gulf Cities Company at the local L. & N. depot, stopping here a while on a visit while en route to other points along the Coast.

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COURT DISMISSES SUIT PROTESTING PROPOSED BOND ISSUE

Judge Russell Says Law Authorizes Supervisors to Issue Bonds Without an Election to Pay Past Due Obligations Properly Adjudicated by the Board.

Chancellor D. M. Russell Thursday afternoon in the courthouse of Hancock county dismissed objections of a group of Hancock county tax-payers to issuance of \$65,000 in bonds by the local Board of Supervisors to pay past due county obligations.

County Must Pay Debts, Says Court

Objections, however, it was pointed out had a right of appeal to the Circuit Court on any specific claim adjudicated.

The court held that objectors had made a collateral and not a direct attack on the proposed bond issue and that under the law the Board of Supervisors was authorized to issue bonds without an election to pay past due obligations properly adjudicated by the board.

The Cardinals are undefeated and unscathed so far this season.

The Tigers will endeavor to avenge the defeat suffered at the hands of the Cardinals last year by the score of 12-7.

Cardinals will bring over a team tonight that has not been scored on this season, while the Tigers have won their last two games by large scores, beating Agricola, 60-0 and Wiggins 34-6. By all indications this promises to a highly exciting gridiron battle.

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Bay St. Louis, Miss., under Act of March 3, 1879.**THE SPIRIT FOR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.**

JACKSON press is loud in its praise over the success of the Mississippi State Fair that came to a close Saturday midnight.

It was the best yet, is the unanimous report.

Thousands from all sections of the State visited the fair to which no gate admission was charged and viewed many things, to their astonishment and amazement as well, things they never knew the State produced; that contributed so appreciably to the onward march of progress and contributing to the stability of the people and commonwealth.

"The Fair achieved its purpose," says the Clarion Ledger. "It yielded pleasure, profit, inspiration, and instruction to literally hundreds of thousands. Its effects and influence will be felt many months in homes and on farms in most of the counties. They will be beneficial to individuals, the counties, and the state. And, the greatest Fair behind us, encouraged even more by its success and still holding faith in Mississippi's future, the officials immediately begin planning and working for a still greater Fair next year."

Success inevitably crowns the efforts of a community where people are not reluctant to do things; where politics and other partisan impulses are unknown. Jackson, the fastest-growing city in the State, is a fine example of this spirit. As a result Jackson is fast building to proportions of a real city where one will want to do business and long to live.

If the fair was a success that credit is due to the people of Jackson who made it so. It will be noted, that already they have set about for a bigger and better display next year.

That is the spirit that spells for happiness and prosperity.

Borrow money from your best friend and he ceases to be your best friend.

JOHN BROWN'S PAY CHECK.

According to an article by Frank R. Kent, a current slackening of government borrowing is a deceiving phenomenon. Instead of borrowing directly from the banks or the people through the issuance of bonds, the government has now adopted a policy of spending the funds supposedly placed in trust with the government, by the people, under the Social Security act. In other words, the money which is taken out of John Brown's weekly pay check, and which the government has promised to set aside to care for him in old age or when he is unemployed, is promptly being dumped into the public treasury for general expenses!

The public treasury has simply become a vast and seemingly bottomless grab-bag. Politicians seeking to perpetuate themselves in office gleefully ply the treasury for money, and more money—money that is spent on everything from out-houses to cash registers. For the first 44 days of the current fiscal year the government spent \$954,805,183.94; its receipts were \$675,375,562.55 deficit, \$275,429,621.39.

What will become of John Brown's hard earned savings if such a policy is continued for long? What do you think?

Every Saturday during the football season, there are heart failure casualties among the alumni.

COUGHLIN ABANDONS THE AIR.

THE Rev. Charles E. Coughlin has announced the abandonment of a series of radio addresses to the country, following a rebuke issued by Archbishop Edward Mooney, of Detroit.

The utterance condemned was the use of the words "personal stupidity" in reference to the President in a press conference.

While upholding the right of priests to disagree with a President and to publicly state disagreement the Bishop felt that a "deeply inculcated respect for authority" as well as the "consciousness of the reverence with which their own sacred calling is regarded" should make them "impose upon themselves a fine sense of restraint in the language they use."

The words of the Detroit Archbishop make good reading for all ministers who feel the urge to denounce individuals and occurrences in all countries, whether they be priests, rabbis or preachers.

As we understand it, Japan is demonstrating how friendly she wants to be with the Chinese.

NAVY DAY, OCTOBER 27.

Governor White has issued his proclamation setting aside Monday, October 27th, as "Navy Day," this movement being under the sponsorship of the U. S. Navy League, and endorsed by the Secretary of the Navy at Washington. Numerous Mississippians have served in the U. S. Navy with distinction, and therefore Mississippi is right proud of the nation's navy.

There are any number of individuals who can run your business for you, but they might not be able to meet the payroll regularly.

THIS SECTION HAS NO PARALLEL.

IN the last decade of years no portion of the State has expended vaster sums and built more improvements over so comparative short a period than our own Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Private interests have invested millions of dollars in hotels and other like enterprises. Municipalities have constructed hardsurfaced streets school houses, sidewalks, public piers and other recreational facilities; seawall bulkheads that involve millions of dollars; inner harbors, waterworks facilities. Also for better and quicker transportation; more power for industrial and domestic uses, and the government has appropriated millions of dollars for public hospitalization both at Gulfport and Biloxi, the latter just begun, with more like expenditures to come.

It looks like a spending orgy, but analysis reveals every dollar has been wisely spent and every project of worth-while intention and result.

Cities and counties have gone through possibly the most serious depression in history and yet hold their own by carrying on. The success of cities and counties have won the admiration of the right-thinking and fairminded. The wonder is, how so much has been accomplished under odds. The cost is tremendous, but nil commensurate with accomplishment and the betterment to follow. It is well worth the price and payment has been amortized over so long a period that improved conditions and added tax returns as results well justifies the efforts of the men and women who have displayed courage backed by wisdom and vision.

WHAT MORE CAN THE STATE DO?

A N observant auto driver will note along the highways that every safeguard possible has been adopted for his protection.

It appears there should be no excuse for numerous accidents occurring from day to day.

The trip to New Orleans, for instance: Travel is over hard-surfaced roadway. Two-lane and four lane roads exist. Approach to curves are indicated.

Signals tell of approaching railroad trains and of crossings.

Roadways through swampy embankments or other high and perilous-looking places are protected with guard rail or netting.

In addition mounted patrolmen are vigilant. The human mind and engineering skill has seemingly exhausted every means that would constrict to add safety to the public but not at all with full success. Where possible danger lurks the State highway department is there with either sign or precaution to warn and protect.

Despite the elaborate precaution evolved for public safety the daily slaughter continues over the country and the motorist who meets with disaster is either indifferent to tragic results or oblivious to danger, even though the State figuratively takes him by the arm and tells him how to drive, where and how.

What more can the State do?

SCHOOLS HELP BUSINESS.

FEW people, who see Hancock County schools open think of the enormous impetus given to business by students throughout the United States.

Industries manufacturing school supplies are especially benefitted by the beginning of classes. Those supplying the materials used by the students themselves in pursuing their studies also feel the impetus of renewed buying. Clothing manufacturers also owe many sales to the fact that children going to school dress better than when out of school and usually use more clothing.

Bay St. Louis and the balance of the county owe much to school life and attendant activities.

Ours is a city of schools and in addition to attracting many families to live here to embrace the advantage of better schools, we find considerable of our monies circulated through channels of school activities.

From a commercial point of view, put it mercenary, if you will, this business of going to school is one of our biggest industries. Ever think of it that way?

There is also quite a demand for gymnasium and athletic clothing, as well as the materials used in athletic endeavors. Transportation companies find their business greatly stimulated and the pilgrimage of scholars to school brings about large expenditures for gasoline, oil and automobile supplies.

WHERE TAXES PAID DIRECT • DIVIDEND.

HIGH tide and heavy seas pounded and washed over the Waveland seawall and roadway Saturday night and all day Sunday, water running far over places as to cover the width of roadway. In several places the flood was deep and covered wide spaces. However, due to hard-surfaced top traffic was not interrupted.

Taxes yield a handsome dividend in this instance. Had the seawall not existed and the roadway not hardsurfaced the former old type of shell road would have succumbed to erosion of the sea.

This perhaps has been the hardest test of wave and wind since building the wall and roadway. And here is an instance where taxes have yielded abundantly.

Lack of such protection as exists would have meant washing away of the Waveland beach road. The cost of replacement in that emergency considerable, particularly felt at this time, and the major injury no roadway and probably in an impassable condition.

There was no damage to either road nor wall. Both remain intact. A number of piers, summer houses, etc., were either washed away or damaged but no major losses reported.

SENATOR HARRISON LOSES MOTHER.

Friends throughout the state of U. S. Senator Pat Harrison extend sympathy to him and his entire family, on the death of his aged mother which occurred at Crystal Springs last Thursday. The funeral occurred at Crystal Springs on Friday. She was in her 80s.

WHAT THE PRESS IS SAYING OF MEN AND MATTERS IN EDITORIAL EXPRESSION**SEASONABLE THOUGHT.**

(Jackson Clarion-Ledger)

GEESE Fly South Over City.

THIRTY years ago when we lingered about pine knot fires and oil lamps at Caesar and dreamed dreams, we never dreamed that some time during our lifetime, that little village would be lighted up with electric lights, farms powered with electric motors, refrigeration from the smallest to the largest scale at the finger tips of the housewives. But, if we live a few months longer, this very thing will happen. A contract has been let for a rural electric line to be constructed that will serve Caesar, Nicholson, Gainesville, Tigriville, Pearlring, Logtown, Lakeshore and Clermont Harbor. Power for "heating" this line will be taken from the big turbines in Picayune which is already serving the towns and communities as far as Lumberton on the Southern railroad.

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(Picayune Item.)

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will be filled soon.

The money may roll in. But before legislators of other states yield to any temptation to enact similar tax laws, they will be wise to watch the eventual results in Louisiana.

It may prove another case of "killing the goose that laid the golden eggs."

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS OF THE MOVIES AND FILM FOLK IN HOLLYWOOD

PRODUCERS in Hollywood prophesy that the price for movie theater tickets will be higher during the coming year than they have been heretofore. This will be due to the fact that the public demands good pictures and materials and unionization have increased the cost of production immensely.

Before Paul Muni played the role of Emile Zola, he read the biography of the famous man and about twenty of his novels.

Although Nino Martini is considered one of the finest tenors in the world today he takes voice lessons for three hours each day.

Randolph Scott will have the romantic lead in Shirley Temple's "Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm." Others in the cast are Bill Robinson, Gloria Stewart, and Jack Haley.

When "The Yellow Nightingale" is completed, John Boles will take a two month's vacation on a freighter.

The noted violinist, Joscha Heifetz has signed a movie contract with Samuel Goldwyn.

Robert Montgomery is spending a few weeks on his farm at Brewster, N. Y.

Leatrice Joy Gilbert, the daughter of Leatrice Joy and John Gilbert is to make her debut in pictures in "Benefits Forgot."

Danielle Darrieux will make her first Hollywood assignment "The Rage of Paris."

One of the young actresses who will be in "Youth Marches On" is Mary Brochell who was discovered in a New York night club by a Universal scout.

Hugh Herbert is making a series of comedy detective stories.

Ronald Colman is to have the lead in "Fancy Free" which was written by the author of "My Man Godfrey."

Lionel Barrymore sailed recently on the Queen Mary for England where he will have a part in "A Yank at Oxford." Robert Taylor and Maureen O'Sullivan are to have the romantic leads.

Rumor has it that Freddie Bartholomew has reported back to work at MGM. He may be cast in Kipling's "Kim."

Dorothy MacKail who has been absent from the screen for several years is to be Edward G. Robinson's leading lady in "A Slight Case of Murder."

Bette Davis is to have two leading men in "Jezebel." One of them is to be George Brent but the other has not been selected as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arnold are enjoying a three weeks' holiday in Panama.

The National Screen Council awarded the September blue ribbon to Columbia pictures for "Lost Horizon."

There are 152 speaking parts in "Marie Antoinette," which is be-

ing cast at present. Norma Shearer will have the title lead. This is the first picture she has been in since the death of her husband, Irving Thalberg.

Frances Dee who was picked out of the ranks of extras six years ago by Maurice Chevalier to be his leading lady is to have the feminine lead in "Dream of Love," with Anthony Quinn. Mr. Quinn by the way, is Cecil B. DeMille's new son-in-law having recently married Katherine, the producer's adopted daughter. Frances Dee is the wife of Joel McCrea.

Stuart Erwin and Una Merkel are to be in "Cheekers," a Jane Withers story.

George Burns and Gracie Allen are spending their vacation in New York.

Max Gordon recently refused \$300,000 for the screen rights to his play "The Women." The reason for his refusal was because he intends to produce it himself.

Roland Young spent his spare time on the set of "Ali Baba Goes to Town" getting up sketches caricaturing Hollywood celebrities. The most famous of his several books is "Not For Children."

Helen Tracy, famed for her screen telephone switchboard conversations will have a part in "Mannequin" as a chorus girl.

Dr. Dunbar Rowland, Director of Archives and History, was returned to his home a few days ago, after being treated in a Philadelphia hospital, and later in a Memphis hospital for several weeks. Mrs. Rowland has been with the Doctor during his absence and their friends will regret to note that Dr. Roland is in quite a critical condition.

Friends over the state will be glad to learn that former State Treasurer Lewis May, who is at present bond clerk of the Treasury Department, is much improved, after several days treatment and operation in a Jackson hospital.

Thousands of women have found it helpful to take Cardul. They say it is good to their pains, and they notice an increase in their appetites and finally a strengthened resistance to the discomfort of monthly periods.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS.

Bay St. Louis, Miss.

The Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,
City of Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Honorable Sirs:

Herewith, I submit Annual Statement of City Books of Bay St. Louis, Miss., for the fiscal year of Oct. 1, 1936 to Sept. 30, 1937.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES A. GORDON, Auditor:

RECAPITULATION

FUNDS	Oct. 1, '36	Receipts	Others	Total	Disburs. Sept. 30, '37	Balance
City	26.98	17702.51	40330.02	58064.51	57911.30	153.21
School	454.21	13668.64	36860.31	50983.16	50441.11	542.05
Water Works	1286.27	3933.36	53352.13	58571.76	55040.30	3531.46
Sink. Bd. Fund	220.53	13565.69	10918.85	24705.07	15168.66	9536.41
Spec. Imp. Bd. Fd.	633.39	1026.12		1659.51	1641.44	18.07
Spec. Sink. Bd. Fd.	324.70	192.66		517.36	517.36	
Colored School	437.49			437.49	437.49	
TOTALS	3383.57	50088.98141466.31	194938.86	180720.17	14218.69	

CITY FUND RECEIPTS

Balance October 1, 1936	\$ 26.98	Mrs. Marie Monti, payment on lot	68.40
Ad Valorem from County	5500.00	John Kackler, Payment on notes	119.77
Licenses	3728.88		
Taxes	17702.51	John Kackler, Payment on property	67.00
Interest	250.40		
Sale of Real Estate	38.59	Emile Gex, Payment on property	230.00
Employee's Ins. Prem.	160.30		
Impounding Cattle	28.00	Police Payments on uniforms	93.76
Damages	935.56		
Rent	46.25	Sale of Timber	65.00
Redemptions	1043.69	U. S. Court Refund	23.01
Fines	72.50	L. & N. R. R. Lights	28.50
Loans: Merchants Bank & Trust Company	7750.00	Southern Bell Telephone Co.	1.35
Sale of Municipal Refunding Bonds	20000.00	Sale of Fence	3.50
Interest on Sale of Bonds	55.56	Miscellaneous	5.00
Anthony Mouton, Payment on lot	20.00		
DISBURSEMENTS			58037.53
Salaries	16120.40	Insurance	734.10
Labor	6143.40	Bonds Paid	2000.00
Repairs	413.88	Bank Loans	467.75
Municipal Bonds	480.00	Bank Loans paid	7500.00
Aetna Life Insurance	113.95	American Red Cross	25.00
Material	4084.97	Electric Lights	1217.29
St. Margaret's Daughters	180.00	Telephone	391.25
King's Daughters	150.00	Miscellaneous	35.30
Chamber of Commerce	231.00	Redactions	97.43
Election Expense	125.50	Police Uniforms	97.15
Special Police	125.00	Employee's Insurance	259.68
Fighting Fires	26.50	Clerical Work	15.00
Signs	35.00	Chevrolet Truck	1030.20
Postage and freight	247.94		
Surveying Fees	56.00	Boarding Prisoners	27.00
Gas and oil	1393.74	Advertising	25.00
Office Equipment, Printing and Stationery	1306.70	Taxes on City Property	279.64
Expense (Travel)	25.00		
Legal Expense	489.42	Cash balance in Bank	
Fuel	157.51	Sept. 30, 1937	\$ 153.21

SCHOOL FUND RECEIPTS

Cash Balance Oct. 1, 1936	\$ 454.21	Vocational Board	1073.03
State Distribution	6784.71	Sale of Municipal Refunding Bonds	8500.00
Hancock County	6349.76	Accrued Interest on Sale of Outside Tuition	23.61
Outside Tuition	1092.50	Bonds	24.98
Taxes	13668.64	Miscellaneous	50528.95
Tax Redemptions	670.77		
Loans: Merchants Bank & Trust Co.	11399.40	Total Receipts	50983.16
Poll Tax	941.55		
DISBURSEMENTS			2913.10
Salaries	716.63	Lights	435.91
Labor	3832.03	Postage, Printing and Stationery	137.75
Material and Supplies	92.61	Loans Paid Merchants Bank & Trust Co.	8899.40
Aetna Life Ins. Co.	806.00	Telephone	185.01
Fuel	669.50	Insurance	89.75
K. G. McCarty	164.26	Sidewalk Tax	105.30
Repairs	162.00	Miscellaneous	20.00
Travel Expense	23.50		
Expense	5.00	Total Disbursements	50441.11
Signs	50.00		
Athletic Awards	224.75	Cash Balance in Bank Sept.	
Interest on Bank Loans	4683.52	30, 1937	\$ 542.05

WATER WORKS FUND RECEIPTS

Balance on hand October 1, 1936	\$ 1286.27	Interest on sale of bonds	955.28
Taxes	3933.36	Interest refund	50.54
Redemptions	192.35	Refund from Texas Oil Co.	14.35
Water Rents	7139.61		
Sale of Municipal Funding Bonds	4500.00	Total Receipts	58571.76
DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries	1320.00	Advertising and Printing	35.30
Labor	924.50	Interest on Bonds Paid	927.50
Material and Supplies	2916.63	Insurance	42.50
Postage and Express	106.88	Chevrolet Truck	492.20
Telephone	65.39	Interest on Funding Bonds	250.00
Travel (Expense)	10.00	Interest on Refunding Bonds	1050.00
Gas and Oil	94.41		
Validating Bonds	60.00		
Miscellaneous Expense	77.81	Cash Balance in Bank	
Power and Lights	10191.99	30, 1937	\$ 3531.46

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND RECEIPTS

Balance October 1, 1936	\$ 633.39	Validating Bonds	10.60
Taxes	89.47	Interest on Bonds	621.25
Sidewalk Taxe	936.65	Bonds Paid	1000.00
	1026.12	Miscellaneous	9.59
Total Receipts	1659.51		

COLORED SCHOOL FUND RECEIPTS

Balance October 1, 1936	\$ 437.49	Cash Balance in Bank, Sept.	
No transactions during period.		30, 1937	\$ 437.49

SINKING BOND FUND RECEIPTS

Balance October 1, 1936	\$ 220.53	Transferred from Special Sinking Bond Fund	517.36
Taxes	383.16		
	24705.07		
Interest on sale of bonds	18.33	Total Receipts	24705.07

SPECIAL SINKING BOND FUND RECEIPTS

Balance October 1st, 1936	\$ 324.70	Transferred to Sinking Bond Fund	
Taxes	192.66	Fund	\$ 517.36

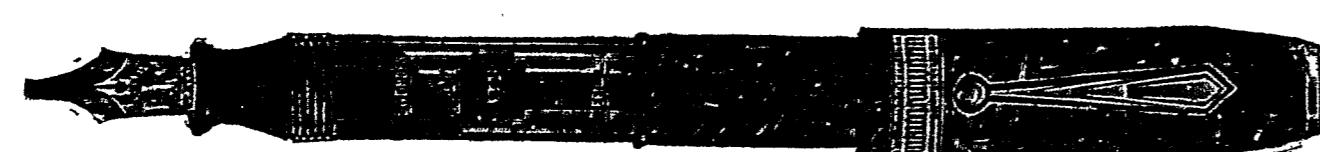
BOND STATEMENT

Outstanding	Total	Retired	Outstanding	Period	Outstanding	Outstanding
6000.00	6000.00	3000.00	3000.00	30, 37	1000.00	1000.00
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13000.00	13000.00	3000.00	10000.00			
4000.00	4000.00	1000.00	3000.00			
35000.00	35000.00	35000.00				
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The Sea Coast Echo

City Echoes

See Beach Drug Store's ad. A \$5.00 fountain pen for 59 cents.

Mr. Joe Gilbert spent the early part of the week in New Orleans.

Mr. E. J. Dubuc of New Orleans was the week-end guest of the de Montluzin family.

Mrs. Carl Marshall has returned from a three-week cruising trip with a party of friends in Florida waters.

Mr. Charles Traub is up and out again after an illness of cold and fever and is back at his office duties.

Dr. S. G. Gill, left Wednesday for his home in New Orleans after spending some time here at the home of Mrs. F. C. Bordages.

Miss Armede del Bondio of New Orleans spent the week-end as usual at home with Mrs. C. A. Worsley and Miss Jane Hunter.

Mesdames John W. Bryan and K. W. Peppertone motored Thursday to New Orleans where they spent the day.

Mrs. Robert McNeil, proprietress Case Beauty Shoppe, spent last Friday in New Orleans, combining business with pleasure.

Mrs. H. C. Glover and son, Harry C. Glover, Jr., motored to New Orleans where they visited relatives, during the afternoon hours.

City St. of Schools S. J. Ingram, who has been fighting a severe cold, is recovering from the annoyance and uncomfortable feeling of the disagreeable ailment.

Mrs. Elizabeth Courge of Lake Shore, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Tamplin and her little son Jamie, were visitors to the Bay Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, accompanied by their neice, Miss Frances Elliott, motored out from New Orleans Sunday afternoon and visited relatives in Union street.

County Agent John Bozeman and family have returned from Jackson, Miss., where Mr. Bozeman attended to business connected with his important office and visited the State Fair.

County Attorney Emile J. Gex, victim of the prevailing flu, was accompanied to New Orleans during the week and placed at Touro Infirmary for observation and treatment. Dr. Nix attending.

Mrs. Laurent L. Kergosien and the new baby came home this week from Sumrall, where they visited Mrs. Eaton (mother) and family after returning from the hospital at Hattiesburg.

The friends of Mrs. Horace Russ will be interested to learn she has undergone a serious surgical operation at the Southern Baptist Hospital. The latest reports are that her condition is favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bourgeois, son and daughter-in-law of City Commissioner and Mrs. W. L. Bourgeois, celebrated their sixteenth wedding anniversary Wednesday, the 20. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Kergosien assembled a few friends and entertained at cards in compliment to the occasion. The affair was a most enjoyable one.

UNCLE CHARLIE'S NITE CLUB

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd
Hallowe'en Dance, Saturday, October 30th

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Personal and General

HARVEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 27 CLAIMING WIDE SPREAD INTEREST.

A established fete and part of the social interests of the local autumn season, the Harvest Festival given locally at S. S. C. Gym is already attracting considerable attention and will again attract the usually large crowd—visitors from New Orleans and the Coast and interior territory contiguous to the Bay-Waveland section.

This happy affair of so much social eclat and general interest will take place on the evening of Wednesday, October 27. Members of the S. S. C. Mothers' Club will act as official chaperones and committees will be appointed from the membership thereof. The ball following the court scenes will have the services of the Dictators' Orchestra, well-known and popular orchestra.

The manner of selecting a harvest king and queen differs widely this year from that of other seasons. The legian selling the highest number of votes will be voted as king, regardless from whatever grade he may represent, and he in turn will have carte blanche in selecting his queen. The next fifteen highest sellers of votes will serve as dukes to the court and also choosing their own maids.

Remembering the beautiful court and scenes from last year's affair, it is well to anticipate this year's affair. It is planned to make the '37 Harvest Festival the biggest and best yet attempted.

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**HON. ROBERT L. GENIN
AND MISS COSTER
ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE.**

Friends of Hon. Robert L. Genin, former Hancock county representative to the Mississippi Legislature, were agreeably surprised to learn Saturday night that he had been wedded during the summer.

The well-known legislator and popular attorney and Miss Winona Coster, who resided with her mother at DeLisle, Miss., were quietly married at Mobile, Ala., during the month of July and kept the secret of their romance and consequent happiness to the time they finally decided to tell their friends and which was Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Genin, after making formal announcement of their marriage, moved into Mr. Genin's own property and home on North Beach Boulevard, where they will be domiciled in future.

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MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR MISS EDRISS VAIRIN, FORTHCOMING BRIDE.

Miss Hilda Sick, local horticulturist, has an advertisement in this issue of The Sea Coast Echo offering a wide selection of chrysanthemums for All Saints' Day at reasonable prices. She has rented the building formerly occupied by the Quintini family, Main street, where she will present her flowers for inspection and take orders. Her home and nursery address is 640 North Beach Boulevard.

would be collectable, payable at once.

Slot machines are not allowed in Mississippi provided the heavy tax on each and every machine is paid. They pay well; good advertisements for certain places of business, but, though heavy, must be paid.

Uncle Charlie's beautiful nite club was the scene of a lovely and most interesting event Wednesday evening on the occasion of a miscellaneous shower, honoring Miss Edris Vairin who is to be married to Mr. Theodore (Teddy) Stechman, both of Bay St. Louis, in the near future.

Approximately some ninety guests were present and Miss Vairin, exceedingly popular, was showered with many beautiful and useful presents. The shower was sponsored by Mrs. Chas. W. Flint and Miss Jennie di Benedetto.

Preceding the shower a program of entertainment was presented consisting of a sketch by the Misses Leatrice and Marion Serpos, formerly of New Orleans but now residents of Bay St. Louis; songs by Miss Frances Scafide and Miss Margery Scafide, accompanied by Miss Mat Maurigi at the piano. The numbers were clever and exceedingly enjoyable and added to the interesting affair.

Delectable refreshments were served.

Miss Vairin holds the responsible position of deputy clerk at the courthouse while the groom-elect is one of the popular young men of our city and in the employ of federal interests, located at present in New Orleans where the prospective couple will make their home.

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**ANNOUNCING RECENT
MARRIAGE OF MR. D. C.
GRIFFITH, BAY CITY.**

Announcement is made of the recent marriage of Mr. D. G. Griffith of Bay St. Louis, Miss., to Mrs. Helen von Karlebach (nee Helen Hails of Clinton, Miss.) late of Germany. Mr. Griffith is acting Chairman U. S. Board of Cotton Examiners located on the Cotton Exchange, New Orleans, La.

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Miss Cora Griffith, attending Women's College, Hattiesburg, spent the past week-end at home in Second street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fortune Jaubert and family returned to their New Orleans home at 4717 St. Charles avenue Tuesday morning, after spending the summer and early fall at their attractive and inviting home on Waveland Beach, leaving reluctantly so thoroughly and happily have they enjoyed their stay on the Coast. Mr. and Mrs. Jaubert plan to return early next spring and during the winter will make periodical visits to and fro.

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On Thursday of this week, motoring out from New Orleans the following-named party of friends joined Mrs. Stoutz and her guests and spent the day in general pastime, lunching during the noon hour at The Answer, Mrs. Abigail Bourgeois, hostess.

Mrs. Jos. Chalona, Mrs. J. G. Zoelinger, Mrs. Leon Tujague, Mrs. Chas. Byrnes, Mrs. Albert Mackie, Mrs. Milton Boudin, Mrs. Martinez Mrs. Neyrey, Mrs. A. L. Ducas, Mrs. Richard McCarthy, Mrs. Kaiser, Mrs. Carbine.

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The party motored thousands of miles under the most favorable auspices, and motoring without the slightest untoward incident.

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At Washington, en route home, the party visited the various public buildings, under the auspices of Senator Pat Harrison's office, a special guide accompanying. They visited the famous senatorial chamber, each sat in the chair where the Vice President presides. "We could have remained indefinitely," said Mr. Ford, "for Washington is truly an interesting city from numerous angles. Aside from the fact it is the nation's capital and its public buildings of impressive beauty and marvel, the city itself is beautifully laid out."

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